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House Resolution 324

By: Representatives Rynders of the 152<sup>nd</sup>, Loudermilk of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>, Graves of the 12<sup>th</sup>, Lunsford of the 110<sup>th</sup>, and others

## **A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Congratulating the staff and members of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia, on
- 2 the overwhelming success of the film "Facing the Giants"; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Sherwood Pictures was created by the Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany,
- 4 Georgia, to produce family and faith friendly movies that inspire people to live lives of faith,
- 5 hope, and love; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the movie, "Facing the Giants," is an inspiring story of a Christian high school
- 7 football coach who, through his faith in God, overcomes insurmountable odds on the football
- 8 field and in his personal life; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the movie "Facing the Giants" was written by church members Alex Kendrick
- and Stephen Kendrick and executively-produced by Pastors Michael Catt and Jim McBride;
- 11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, "Facing the Giants" was filmed on location at Sherwood Baptist Church and in
- the Albany area at a cost of \$100,000; and
- 14 WHEREAS, no professional actors performed in the movie and the entire cast was composed
- of volunteer members of the Sherwood Baptist Church with over 500 church members
- 16 participating in the production; and
- WHEREAS, since its release in the theaters, "Facing the Giants" appeared for 17 consecutive
- weeks and grossed more than \$10 million in box office receipts; and
- 19 WHEREAS, it was ranked the sixth top selling video when the DVD was released on January
- 20 30, 2007, and will soon be released in 56 countries in multiple languages.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

- 2 the members of this body recognize the Providential success of the movie "Facing the
- 3 Giants," the accomplishments of Sherwood Productions, and the unwavering commitment
- 4 of the staff and members of the Sherwood Baptist Church in producing quality family films
- 5 that promote faith and values.
- 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senior Pastor Michael Catt, Executive Pastor Jim
- 7 McBride, Senior Associate Pastor Steven Kendrick, Associate Pastor Alex Kendrick, and
- 8 members of the cast and crew of "Facing the Giants" are invited to appear before the House
- 9 of Representatives for purposes of being recognized and receiving appropriate copies of this
- 10 resolution at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.